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NOT BEFORE IN THIS JOURNAL.

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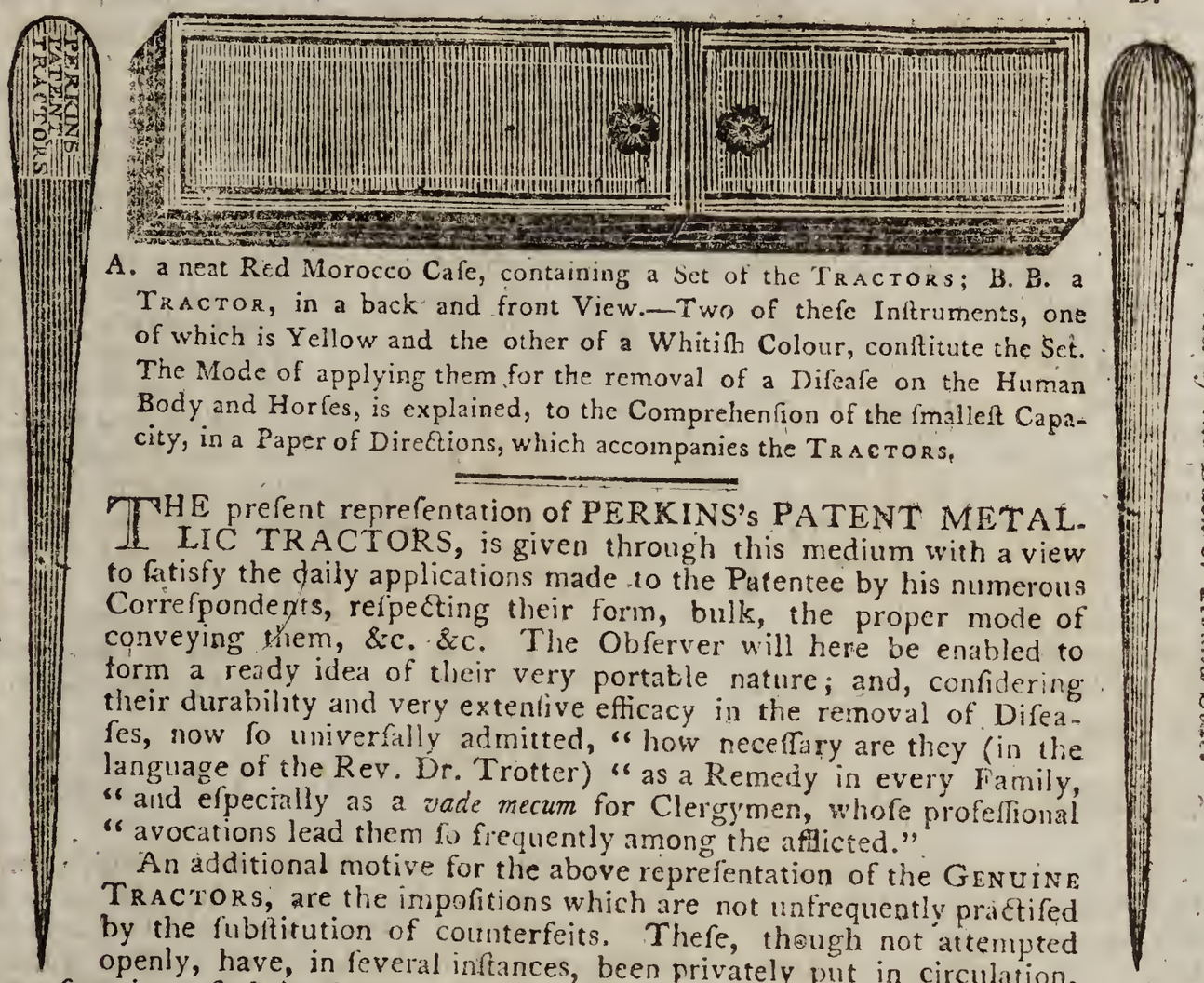

View of the Front or Flat Side. *View of the Back or Round Side.*

A. a neat Red Morocco Caſe, containing a Set of the TRACTORS; B. B. a TRACTOR, in a back and front View.—Two of theſe Inſtruments, one of which is Yellow and the other of a Whitiſh Colour, conſtitute the Set. The Mode of applying them for the removal of a Diſeaſe on the Human Body and Horſes, is explained, to the Comprehenſion of the ſmalleſt Capacity, in a Paper of Directions, which accompanies the TRACTORS.

THE preſent repreſentation of PERKINS's PATENT METALLIC TRACTORS, is given through this medium with a view to ſatisfy the daily applications made to the Patentee by his numerous Correſpondents, reſpecting their form, bulk, the proper mode of conveying them, &c. &c. The Obſerver will here be enabled to form a ready idea of their very portable nature; and, conſidering their durability and very extenſive efficacy in the removal of Diſeaſes, now ſo univerſally admitted, "how neceſſary are they (in the language of the Rev. Dr. Trotter) "as a Remedy in every Family, "and eſpecially as a *vade mecum* for Clergymen, whoſe profeſſional "avocations lead them ſo frequently among the afflicted."

An additional motive for the above repreſentation of the GENUINE TRACTORS, are the impoſitions which are not unfrequently practiſed by the ſubſtitution of counterfeits. Theſe, though not attempted openly, have, in ſeveral inſtances, been privately put in circulation, by perſons intereſted in depreciating the Credit of the GENUINE TRACTORS, and conſequently occaſioning their diſuſe. As no benefit would be derived from ſuch ſpurious Imitations, the unſuſpecting patient, it has been ſuppoſed, would be ſatisfied of the inefficacy of the Metallic Practice. Such artifices, while they infringe on the right of the Patentee, at the ſame time defraud the Public; and he muſt therefore not be thought unreaſonably ſevere in determining to employ the means the Law affords, for the prevention of ſuch abuſes in future. As innocent artificers and tradeſmen, from not knowing the nature of his Patent, which ſecures every poſſible external application of the Metallic Influence in the removal of Diſeaſes, may be led into a violation of the law, by making ſomething of a different ſhape, &c. it is right to inform them that they are equally liable to damages with their employers.

To guard againſt Impoſitions, applicants will pleaſe to obſerve, that every *genuine* Set of Tractors is ſtamped with the words, PERKINS PATENT TRACTORS; and, which will be the moſt ſure means of detecting frauds, to the printed Directions for their uſe, which accompany them, is ſubjoined a Receipt, ſigned, "BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS," in the hand-writing of the Patentee. To counterfeit this is Felony.

THE TRACTORS

Have been found a ſafe, ſpeedy and effectual Remedy in the following Diſorders.

Acute and Chronic Rheumatiſm, including Lumbago and Sciatica, Gout, Sprains, Contuſions, Burns, Scalds, Inflammations of the Eyes; alſo of the Skin, as Eryſipelas and Tetters; Painful Inflammatory Tumours, as Biles and Whitlows; Violent Spaſmodic Convulſions; as Epileptic Fits, Cramp and Locked Jaw; Pleuriſy; Stings and Bites of Venomous Inſects, Fluor Albus; Pains in the Head, Face, Teeth, Ears, Breaſt, Side, Back, Limbs, and all analogous Diſeaſes of Horſes.

In proof of the Efficacy of the Tractors in theſe Complaints, there have been publiſhed, by the Patentee, during the laſt three years, four different works, in which have been preſented nearly Three Thouſand Cures, communicated by Characters of the higheſt reſpectability. The preſent limits do not conveniently admit of the titles of only the two laſt of theſe, which are given, *gratis*, to the purchaſers of the Tractors: one was publiſhed in January, 1800, and entitled as follows:

"*The Efficacy of Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors, in Topical Diseases of the Human Body and Animals; exemplified by 250 Cases, from the first Literary Characters in Europe and America.* Sold, price 1s. by J. Johnson, St. Paul's Church-Yard, London"

The other work above alluded to, published in April, 1801, has the following Title:

"*Cases of Successful Practice with Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors, communicated since January, 1800, the Date of the former Publication.* Sold, price 1s. as above."

As these two books are entirely distinct with respect to their contents, (the Patentee never publishing one case twice) Enquirers are respectfully referred to them for a full account of the merits and pretensions of the Patent Metallic Tractors. In both of them are exposed to public view the curious artifices of a medical cabal at Bath, which aimed to propagate an opinion that the Tractors cured Diseases by operating on the Imagination of the Patient! It will be readily conceived how effectually that ridiculous attempt was exploded, (though a favourable report on it has been admitted into a *venal* Monthly Journal) when it is known that the Patentee, in reply, immediately adduced several hundred cures of the most unequivocal kind, by the Tractors, on Infants and Horses, and other Subjects, where, from the nature of the Cases, Imagination must have been equally dead and inactive. Among the Vouchers to these facts, in those two Publications alone, are eight Professors in four Universities, as follows:—Three of Natural Philosophy; Four of Medicine; One of Natural History. Also Nineteen regular Physicians; Seventeen Surgeons; Twenty Clergymen, ten of whom are Doctors in Divinity, &c. &c.

Having received since the publication of his Book in April, 1801, about Seven Hundred Cases from different Parts of Great Britain, the Patentee will present abstracts of one or two in this place. The perusal of the first upon a Horse, like very many others, which have been published, of the same character, will shew how ridiculous must persons appear who endeavour to persuade the Public that the Tractors cure Diseases by an operation on the Imagination.

W. HUNT PRINN, ESQ.

of Sandford, near Cheltenham, in a Letter of January 1st, 1802, favored the PATENTEE *with the following Cases;*

"CASE 1.—*Violent Sprain and Lameness of a Horse.*—During the last frost, a young Horse of mine that was at grass in a field adjoining my house, in leaping a hedge to follow some other Horses, sprained himself violently in the near fore Leg. I immediately used those applications which I had before tried in similar Cases, such as Goulard, Opodeldoc, bandages, &c. however the Leg still continued as bad as at first. The Fetlock was exceedingly tender and inflamed; nor could he bear the slightest pressure of the hand upon it. Between the back sinews and the bone, there was also a considerable fulness; the Hoof itself was highly inflamed, and he could scarcely turn himself in the stall. Whilst he was precisely in this situation, I was prevailed upon to try the Tractors which were applied for the first time on Friday, the 18th of last Month, when we totally discontinued the bandages and every other application. They were used twice a day beginning above the inflamed part, and drawing them down to the Hoof, for half an hour each time. On the Wednesday following, only four days, the Tractors had so rapidly promoted the cure that most of the symptoms had disappeared, and he could walk without any apparent lameness. On the Saturday following he both walked and trotted as sound as any Horse in England. On Monday last he went to Gloucester, ten miles and returned the following morning; and is at this moment as fit for work as ever."

"CASE II.—*Very obstinate Rheumatism.*— There is another remarkable instance of the good effects of the Tractors, which, though I was not an eye witness to the application, is unquestionably true. A man contracted a most obstinate Rheumatism in Holland, where he served under the Duke of York. On his return he was sent to his parish (Staverton, near Cheltenham) and was unable to rise from his chair, without the assistance of a stick or a crutch; in three days he could walk across the room without either; and in a fortnight, he walked a mile to thank the gentleman who had recommended the Tractors."

THE REV. DR. JOHN TRUSLER,

of Walcot House, Bath, Author of 'Chronology,' and numerous other Works, January 11th, 1802, addressed a Letter to the PATENTEE, *of which the following is an Extract.*

"CASE I.—*Ear-Ach and Pain in the Head.*—The Tractors have removed an Ear-Ach twice; also a pain in my daughter's head, each by once using; and not more than ten minutes application."

"CASE II.—*Pain in the Face.*—WILLIAM WHITELER, Esq. my neighbour, borrowed the Tractors for a pain in the face; they removed it four times in succession, by only once using, but a quarter of an hour each time. After the fourth time, the pain did not return. In the use of them the points accumulated a gummy or sticky matter which he wiped frequently off.—I wish you all success."

New Cases, not before in this Journal.

MATTHEW YATMAN, ESQ.

of Chelsea, London, a Gentleman regularly educated in the Medical Profession, now retired from Practice, December 1st, 1801, addressed to B. D. PERKINS, *two interesting Cures; one of a Scald, which we have not room to insert, and the other as follows:*

"CASE.—*Very obstinate Affection in the Eyes.*—I was desired to see a Child, six years of age, whose eye lids were very much inflamed and swelled with pustular eruptions, and which had severely affected her for three years; notwithstanding a frequent compliance with Medical advice. This Case was so obstinate, I had but little hope; however, I applied the Tractors to the eye most inflamed, for twenty minutes, when, to my great surprize, the swelling and inflammation were considerably abated. The Tractors were used to both Eyes four times more, with so much effect, each time, that in ten days the cure was complete: it is above a month since the last application was made, and the Eyes remain perfectly well."

"This is a strong Case against that hacknied phrase, the effect of Imagination, as the child was so violently averse from the application, that her father was compelled to use threats, and even shake her by the shoulders, to make her quiet."

THE REV. JOHN WALTON,

of Sutton, Cross-Hills, in Craven, Yorkshire, in a Letter to B. D. PERKINS, *dated October 27th,* 1801, *writes:*

"Of the efficacy of your Metallic Tractors I am, through repeated experiments, more and more satisfied. I am not surprized that in some Cases they are used with but little success, as several things, which I have discovered, as mentioned in your printed Directions, prevent their efficacy: viz. oily matter on the part affected, or on the hand of the operator; an improper method of applying them; want of patience to persevere a sufficient length of time in their application, and a neglect of repeating it so frequently as the Case requires; added to these, a disposition there will be, from the acknowledged *innocence* of the remedy, to *try* them in Cases for which they are not pretended to be useful.

"I have been amused with the conduct of a certain Class, who, notwithstanding they have been eye-witnesses of the effects of the Tractors in removing Inflammations, *visibly* reducing Tumors, &c. yet pretend to be *uncertain* whether these effects have been produced by the Tractors!!—It is not reflected by these persons that a similar *uncertainty* will be equally rational when applied to all their medicines, externally or internally received. He who has partaken of a good dinner, may with equal propriety be *uncertain* whether his appetite would not have been just as well satisfied if he had not eaten. Amidst all this *pretended* uncertainty and some real infidelity, not a few in this quarter are become, by the constraint of incontrovertible facts, real converts to the surprizing effects of the Tractors. The number of orders you have had from this neighbourhood are pretty good proofs of this. Since my last I have performed many important cures, in BURNS, SCALDS, RHEUMATISM, SPRAINS, WHITLOW, FLYING PAINS, TUMORS, TOOTH-ACH, HEAD-ACH, and different AFFECTIONS of the EYES."——[Then follow in his letter several Cases, but we have room only for one or two.]

"CASE I.—*Wound from a Sickle.*—A young man struck the point of a sickle into his leg, which swelled much, and, for several hours, filled him with excruciating pain. I applied the Tractors forty minutes: he said he felt the pain decrease every stroke, till it became quite easy, and the swelling was nearly gone. I tractored him twenty minutes more on the next morning, and he was quite cured of both pain and inflammation."

"CASE II.—*Inflammation on the Face.*—The Rev. ABRAHAM GREENWOOD had been troubled with a severe Inflammation on one side of his face. This I relieved by one application only of the Tractors, for thirty minutes."

"Well might Dr. Trotter say, "No family ought to be without them."—In mine, they are of incalculable utility; and I cannot but have an ardent wish to see them universally introduced, that our suffering fellow creatures may reap the advantage which they do certainly dispense."

THE REV. BENJAMIN WHITMORE,

of Hooknorton, Oxon, Sept. 16th, 1801, *stated the following cure to the* Rev. T. GREEN, *of Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, to be sent to* B. D. PERKINS.

"CASE.—*Violent Inflammation in the Eye.*—WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Northampton, had his Eye very badly wounded by a sharp piece of Brass flying into it. Inflammation, swelling and pain, instantly took place to such a degree, that he was fearful of losing his sight.—Various means were tried by some of the best Medical Skill in Northampton, during two days, but in vain. The Tractors were then tried only once, and effected a complete cure."

Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors.

THE REV. JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH,

of Cowling-Hill, near Skipton, Yorkſhire, Auguſt 18th, 1801, addreſſed to B. D. PERKINS, many important obſervations on the Metallic Practice; but the preſent limits allow of but the following extract.

"The opportunity firſt given me of trying the merits of your Tractors, by my worthy friend, the Rev. DR. RIPPON, of Southwark, London, who lent me his ſet, ſoon ſpread their fame in this neighbourhood; for their effects in the caſes tried much exceeded our expectations. As ſoon as my own ſet came to hand, many perſons afflicted applied to me; but no ſooner were the ſimple and contemptible-looking Tractors exhibited to their view, than their confidence was turned to diſguſt. This, indeed, I find, has been the ſituation of moſt of my patients, which proves that if *Imagination* have any concern in the Metallic Practice, it operates againſt it. But the Tractors, I find, as ſoon relieve the infidel, the ſcornful and the contemner, as thoſe who have a better opinion of them.

"The cures moſt worthy of communicating, are, Three of TOOTH-ACH, two of CHRONIC HEAD-ACH, two BURNS, one ſevere SCALD, two violent CONTUSIONS, and many Caſes of INFLAMED EYES, a diſorder very prevalent with us at this time."

[Mr. Shuttleworth next proceeds to detail ſeveral Caſes, among which are two cures of very obſtinate SORE LEGS, of long ſtanding, but we have room only for the following.]

"CASE I.—*Severe Inflammation in an Eye.*—A perſon had for three years been much afflicted with a rheum about one of her eyes. For ten days before ſhe applied to me, the eye had been ſo covered with a web, that ſhe could not ſee at all. Her Phyſician, who had uſed a waſh, without any benefit, feared the ſight was irrecoverably loſt: ſhe could neither ſleep nor reſt from the violence of the pain and inflammation. I applied the Tractors thirty minutes, during which ſhe found great eaſe, and ſoon after was enabled to ſee. I uſed them again only twice during the two following days, when the eye was well; the pain and inflammation being gone, and the ſight reſtored."

"CASE II.—*Affection of the Eye.*—An infant child had an inflammation in the eye for two months. The ball was much ſunk, and of a dark purple color. A large white ſpeck then appeared, which covered half of the ſight, and moſt of the white of the eye. The Phyſician adviſed to bliſter the back of the neck, and then to take off the ſpeck with the knife. The parents however prevailed on me firſt to try the Tractors, which I did, with but little hope. On the firſt application, the watery diſcharge ceaſed much, and the eye was rendered more plump and bright. The ſecond trial took off the purple color. The third removed a red fibre, which ſeemed to feed the ſpeck; and the fourth and fifth applications, to my great ſurprize, removed the ſpeck itſelf. It is impoſſible to tell, from the appearance, which of the eyes were affected."

THE REV. HENRY GAUNTLETT,

of Botley, near Southampton, October 7th, 1801, *to* B. D. PERKINS, *writes*;

"I have had repeated opportunities of trying your Tractors, and of lending them among my neighbours; and have no doubt of their having been ſerviceable. As I have ſufficient evidence to ſatisfy my mind of the Efficacy of the Metallic Practice, in proper caſes, I conſider myſelf bound to recommend it."

HENRY GRIMSTON, ESQ.

of Kenſington, London, (late of Etton, Yorkſhire,) well known for his numerous Acts of Philanthropy, Auguſt 22, 1801, *ſtated to* B. D. PERKINS, *the following*

"CASE.—*Very obſtinate Chronic Rheumatiſm.*—A poor widow of the name of Perry, Seventy-two years of age, was for a long time afflicted with the Rheumatiſm in the Hip, extending down the leg. Since March laſt, ſhe had been able to hobble about only by the aſſiſtance of a ſtaff; I lent her your Tractors, directing her daughter how to uſe them: after three applications, ſhe was able to walk to town without her ſtaff, and, to uſe her own expreſſion, I had made her a thouſand pounds better. In leſs than a week ſhe was completely recovered, and a few days ſince, without a ſupport, walked into Kent, 40 miles, to pick hops."

THE TRACTORS, ſo neceſſary in every Family, and among Horſes, may be had, with new and improved Directions for uſing them; rendering the mode of Application perfectly intelligible to every Capacity, for FIVE GUINEAS the Set, of BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS, A.M. the Patentee, in the Houſe of the late JOHN HUNTER, Surgeon, Leiceſter Square; of FREDERICK SMITH, Chemiſt and Druggiſt, in the Haymarket, London; and of CHARLES WHITTELL, Chemiſt and Druggiſt, Bridge Street, Cheſter.——Their portable Nature renders their Conveyance to any Part of Great Britain, by Coach, and even by Poſt, perfectly convenient. Letters *(Poſt paid)* encloſing their Amount in a Bill or Check, will be punctually attended to.

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